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Join Ron Martin at Cross Ranch State Park and Wake up with the Birds

Birding North Dakota co-author, Ron Martin, will be leading a bird walk at Cross Ranch State Park on Sunday, September 11, at 7:30 a.m. Meet at the River Peoples Visitor Center and feel free to bring binoculars, a camera and field guides.

Ron Martin took up birding in 1979 and has since accomplished many birding endeavors. Martin is a former president of the ND Birding Society and has co-authored the book entitled *Birding North Dakota*. Currently, he is the Northern Great Plains Editor of North American Birds Journal, a chairman for the ND Records Committee and the coordinator of the ND Breeding Bird Survey. Ron Martin will be visiting us from Sawyer, North Dakota, where he lives with his family.

Don't miss your chance to wake up with the birds and join us at Cross Ranch! Cross Ranch State Park is located 35 miles north of Bismarck/Mandan, near Washburn along the Missouri River. For more information, call 701-794-3731 or check out www.ndparks.com as interpretive programs are posted on the website.